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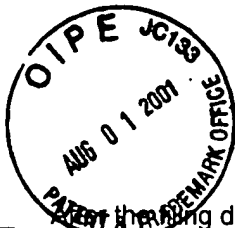
In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application, filed April 30, 2001. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

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Also enclosed are copies of the following U.S. Patents: 3,170,273; 3,527,028; 4,050,954; 4,169,337; 4,304,575; 4,462,188; 5,139,571; 5,230,833; 5,246,624; 5,314,843; 5,340,370; 5,607,718; 5,66,097; 5,695,384; 5,750,440; 5,770,095; 5,908,509; 5,954,997; 5,980,775; 5,993,685; 5,996,595; and 6,010,962. Also enclosed are copies of the following articles: 1) "Chemical-Mechanical Polishing of Copper in Glycerol Based Slurries" (Materials Research Society Symposium Proceedings, 1996), Kumar et al.; 2) "Chemical-Mechanical Polishing of Copper with Oxide and Polymer Interlevel Dielectrics" (Thin Solid Films, 1995), Gutman et al.; 3) "Stabilization of Alumina Slurry for Chemical-Mechanical Polishing of Copper" (Langmuri, 1996) Lou et al.; 4) "Initial Study on Copper MCP Slurry Chemistries" (Thin Solid Films, 1995) Carpio et al.; 5) "Chemical-Mechanical Polishing of Copper for Interconnect Formation" (Microelectronic Engineering, 1997) Stavreva et al.

A copy of the following article is not enclosed because it is not in the possession of the undersigned: "Development of a 1:1:1 Slurry for Tantalum Layer Polishing" in proceedings of the CMP-MIC conference, February 1999.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the references that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the



invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed references and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

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